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Top-Secret Correction—When the CIA discovers that it made a mistake in its top-secret Weekly Review, it informs its readers—in Congress and the White House—the way newspapers traditionally do. It runs a correction.

Thus a report in June 1975, that spent reactor fuel rods were removed illegally from an Argentine nuclear reactor site, proved to be wrong. So in August 1975, the Weekly Review ran a correction headed "Argentina: No Safeguards Failure." The red-faced CIA editors explained: "The report was in error; subsequent information indicates that the fuel had not left the site." It had just been stored.

Like many embarrassed editors, the CIA buried its correction story deep inside the weekly report.

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